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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**System and Method for Maintaining Security in a Distributed Computer Network**

the specification of which was filed on December 13, 2001  
as U.S. Application No. 10/017,368  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of the United States provisional application listed below.

<u>60/255,623</u>	<u>12/13/2000</u>
(Application Number)	(Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 as a Continuation-in-Part of the United States applications listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national filing date of this application.

<u>09/721,557</u>	<u>11/22/2000</u>	<u>pending</u>
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<u>09/767,610</u>	<u>01/22/2001</u>	<u>pending</u>
(Application Number)	(Filing Date)	(Status -- patented, pending, abandoned)

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** I hereby appoint the attorneys and/or agents associated with the customer number **22830** to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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